

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael WRAY ) Re: Preliminary Amendment  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently herewith ) Our Ref: B-4053 618409-8  
For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
DISCOVERING A TRUST CHAIN )  
IMPARTING A REQUIRED ATTRIBUTE )  
TO A SUBJECT" ) Date: December 7, 2000

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims and Abstract:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, Line 1      Please change "claim1" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, Line 1      Please change "any one of the preceding  
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, Line 1      Please change "any one of the preceding  
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, Line 1      Please change "any one of the preceding  
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, Line 3     Please change "any one of claims 1 to 7"  
to --claim 1--.